RNS Number : 3644F
Whitbread PLC
11 November 2015

TR-1: NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR INTEREST IN SHARES

1. Identity of the issuer or the underlying issuer of existing shares to which voting rights are attached: [ii]	Whitbread plc

2 Reason for the notification (please tick the appropriate box or boxes):

An acquisition or disposal of voting rights	X
An acquisition or disposal of qualifying financial instruments which may result in the acquisition of shares already issued to which voting rights are attached	
An acquisition or disposal of instruments with similar economic effect to qualifying financial instruments	
An event changing the breakdown of voting rights	
Other (please specify):	

3. Full name of person(s) subject to the notification obligation: [iii]	MFS Investment Management
4. Full name of shareholder(s) (if different from 3.):[iv]	MFS invests in securities of the issuer on behalf of its various mutual funds and institutional account clients.
5. Date of the transaction and date on which the threshold is crossed or reached: [v]	9 November 2015
6. Date on which issuer notified:	10 November 2015
7. Threshold(s) that is/are crossed or reached: [vi, vii]	5.00%

8. Notified details:

A: Voting rights attached to shares [viii, ix]

Class/type of shares if possible using the ISIN CODE	**Situation previous to the triggering transaction**		**Resulting situation after the triggering transaction**				
	Number of Shares	**Number of Voting Rights**	**Number of shares**	**Number of voting rights**		**% of voting rights x**	
			Direct	**Direct** xi	**Indirect** xii	**Direct**	**Indirect**
GB00B1KJJ408	9,103,523	9,103,523			9,330,908		5.11%

B: Qualifying Financial Instruments

Resulting situation after the triggering transaction

Type of financial instrument	Expiration date [xiii]	Exercise/ Conversion Period [xiv]	Number of voting rights that may be acquired if the instrument is exercised/ converted.	% of voting rights

C: Financial Instruments with similar economic effect to Qualifying Financial Instruments [xv, xvi]						
Resulting situation after the triggering transaction						
Type of financial instrument	Exercise price	Expiration date [xvii]	Exercise/ Conversion period [xviii]	Number of voting rights instrument refers to	% of voting rights [xix, xx]	
					Nominal	Delta

Total (A+B+C)	
Number of voting rights	Percentage of voting rights
9,330,908	5.11%

9. Chain of controlled undertakings through which the voting rights and/or the financial instruments are effectively held, if applicable: [xxi]

Entity	Holding	Percentage Held
MFS Investment Management (LUX) S.A.	178,486	0.0978%
MFS Investment Management Canada Ltd.	290,362	0.1591%
MFS Investment Management	5,128,466	2.8106%
MFS Heritage Trust Company	544,687	0.2985%
MFS Institutional Advisors, Inc.	982,805	0.5386%
MFS International (U.K.) Ltd.	1,655,656	0.9074%
MFS Investment Management K.K.	420,672	0.2305%
MFS International Singapore Pte. Ltd.	129,774	0.0711%
Notifiable Interest	9,330,908	5.1136%
Shares Outstanding	182,470,843	

Proxy Voting:	
10. Name of the proxy holder:	N/A
11. Number of voting rights proxy holder will cease to hold:	N/A
12. Date on which proxy holder will cease to hold voting rights:	N/A

13. Additional information:	
14. Contact name:	
15. Contact telephone number:	

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